

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were pending and rejected. Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, 13 and 16-18 are being amended. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In paragraphs 1 and 2, the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 USC § 102(e) as unpatentable over Alexander. Alexander teaches providing an electronic programming guide (EPG); control of video recording of future-scheduled programming; display and navigation; parental control of the EPG display; television program information access by the viewer; opportunities for a commercial advertiser to reach the viewer; product information access by the viewer; creation of a viewer's profile; utilization of viewer profile information to customize various aspects of the EPG; and utilization of viewer profile information to provide customized presentation of advertising to the viewer.

Claim 1 as amended requires “a first personal information store comprising media identifiers for a personal set of media sources, said personal information store capable of storing media identifiers for media sources of various types”, “a plurality of receivers, operable to receive a plurality of media streams over distribution channels of various types from said media sources” and “a switch, operable to select one of said media streams received by said plurality of receivers in accordance with ... media source selection information.” Claim 7 as amended requires “a subscriber URL information store, said a subscriber URL information store comprising hierarchical categories, said categories providing organization for identifiers of media content of various types.” Claim 11 as amended requires “receiving at a receiver a plurality of media streams of different types from different distribution channels” and “commanding a switch to select [a] media stream corresponding to [a] selected identifier.” Accordingly, each independent claim in its particular manner is directed to selecting a media stream from a plurality of media streams of different types from a single interface. Applicant respectfully submits that Alexander does not teach such an interface, and thus respectfully requests that the rejection of the claims as amended be withdrawn.

If the Examiner has any questions or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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